

Data and Surveillance

Objective 4

Facilitate the collection, analysis, and dissemination of data on disability with a focus on health status, health behaviors, and preventive care utilization, and identifying health disparities.

Rationale

Data serves as the foundation for public health action. It informs the design, monitoring, and evaluation of policy and intervention strategies. Efforts to collect information should integrate with existing surveys and data collection projects to ensure inclusion of persons with disabilities and disability as a demographic variable. Emphasis should be on data that has application for state and local health promotion, planning, intervention, program evaluation, resource allocation and reporting. The data will assist government policymakers, advocates, researchers, and providers to make informed choices that promote the health status and well being of people with disabilities.